# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# POWER
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POWER SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY
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**Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:**

(a) whether despite various incentives given by the Government an average growth rate of power generation has been just 3 per cent in the country during the last six years;

(b) if so, whether the Government have identified the reasons for sluggish growth in power generation in the country; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER ( SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA )

(a) : No, Sir. The growth in energy generation from 1994-95 to 1999-2000 was as under :-

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| 1994-95 | 8.5% |
| 1995-96 | 8.3% |
| 1996-97 | 3.8% |
| 1997-98 | 6.6% |
| 1998-99 | 6.6% |
| 1999-2000 | 7.1% |

(b) & (c) : Do not arise in view of (a) above. However, the following steps are being taken to further improve power generation in the country :-

(i) Renovation and Modernisation (R&M) and life extension of existing old andinefficient generating units. Special fund under the Accelerated Power Development Programme for undertaking R&M schemes is being provided to States.

(ii) Speedy implementation of Reforms & Restructuring in the Power Sector.

(iii) Early stabilization of newly commissioned units and overall increase in Plant Load Factor of thermal units.

(iv) Reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses.

(v) Promoting energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(vi) Disbursement of loan by the Power Finance Corporation for improving operationand maintenance of thermal power stations under the Accelerated Generation Programme.

(vii) Expeditious implementation of capacity addition programme to enable doubling of the present generation capacity by 2012.

(viii) Increasing the inter-state and inter-regional power transfer by construction of missing transmission links and finally formation of the National Grid.

(ix) Formulation of hydel policy for exploitation of hydro potential at a faster pace.